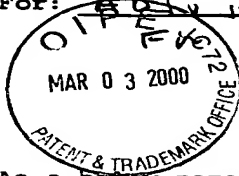


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COOKING FATS and COOKING OILS
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(b) I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
ADJUSTABLE CONTINUOUS FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR COOKING FATS
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